

# A LIFE TRANSFORMING WALK

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2 Peter 2:3-11 (p. 1893)

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*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,  
be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.*

2 Peter 1:10

## **Who's getting the credit?**

*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness  
through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

2 Peter 1:3

Who gets the credit for my faith?

## **“Furnishing” my new heart**

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;  
and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;  
and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.*

2 Peter 1:5

What “furnishing” do I need to work on this week?

## **Making our faith sure**

*For if you do these things, you will never fall,  
and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:11

1) Peter is writing to BELIEVERS

2) “Falling” is REAL

3) ASSURANCE is even more real!

## **For further study of 2 Peter and the walk**

Bob Deffenbaugh's teaching on 2 Peter at <https://bible.org/series/standing-promises-study-2-peter>. His intro and first three sermons are all worthwhile. Bob's defense of Second Peter is a very good summary of the issues surrounding the canonicity of Second Peter.

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to Peter at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html> and notes at <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>

*monergism.com* has some wonderful 2 Peter material at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/2-peter/introductions-outlines-studies>

John Piper's sermons on Second Peter at <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/2-peter/1/messages>

## **Applying Second Peter**

*For you have been born again . . .  
through the living and enduring word of God.  
1 Peter 1:23*

To quote my brother, "The most important part of the reservation is holding the reservation." The most important part of an inductive study is holding the text, applying it to my life. This week we are challenged to read Second Peter for application.

Monday: Read 2 Peter 1:1-11, Our calling and election  
Application:

Tuesday: Read 2 Peter 1:12-21, Getting the Bible right  
Application:

Wednesday: Read 2 Peter 2:1-11, The heart of false teaching  
Application:

Thursday: Read 2 Peter 2:10-22, Of Angels, Dogs and Donkeys  
Application:

Friday: Read 2 Peter 3:1-10, Judgment and Patience  
Application:

Saturday: Read 2 Peter 3:11-18, Growing in grace  
Application:

## 2 PETER 1:1-11, *THE MESSAGE*

I, Simon Peter, am a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. I write this to you whose experience with God is as life-changing as ours, all due to our God's straight dealing and the intervention of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you many times over as you deepen in your experience with God and Jesus, our Master.

### DON'T PUT IT OFF

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

So, friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now. Do this, and you'll have your life on a firm footing, the streets paved and the way wide open into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Peterson, E. H. (2005). *The Message: the Bible in contemporary language* (2 Peter). Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

	A.D.	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
Peter becomes a disciple of Jesus (A.D. 28/30)		■										
Just before the crucifixion, Peter denies Jesus (30/33)		■										
Death, resurrection of Jesus (33 [or 30])†		■										
Peter witnesses resurrection, preaches at Pentecost (30/33)		■										
Peter becomes key church leader (30/33)		■										
Peter witnesses to Cornelius (38*)				●								
Peter imprisoned by Agrippa, rescued (41–44*)				■								
Peter leaves Jerusalem (44)				●								
Peter goes to Rome (50–54*)						■						
Nero's reign (54–68)							■					
Peter writes first letter, from Rome (62–63*)								●				
Fire in Rome; Nero blames, kills many Christians (64 [July 19])								●				
Peter, after writing second letter, is martyred in Rome (64–67*)								■				